<u>AMENDMENT B</u> (37 C.F.R. 1.111)

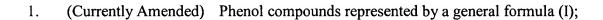
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-6 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121. The claims are attached herein on separate sheets.



AMENDMNENT TO CLAIMS





$$(OH)p \longrightarrow Y + \begin{pmatrix} R^1 \\ C \\ m \end{pmatrix} S(O)n - \begin{pmatrix} OH)t \\ (R^4)u \end{pmatrix} (I)$$

wherein R¹ and R² represent hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl,

m represents an integer of 1 to 6,

n represents an integer of 0 to 2,

p and t represent an integer of 0 to 3, with proviso that p and t never be 0, concurrently,

R³ and R⁴ <u>represent</u> nitro, carboxyl, halogen, C1-C6 alkyl, C1-C6 alkoxy, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, sulfamoyl, phenylsulfamoyl, C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl, di(C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl), carbamoyl, phenylcarbamoyl, C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl or di(C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl),

q and u represent an integer of 0 to 2,

 \mathbb{R}^3 and \mathbb{R}^4 may be different to each other when q and u are 2,

Y represents CO or NR⁵CO,

R⁵ represents hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl, optionally-substituted phenyl or optionally-substituted benzyl,

with proviso that p is 1 when Y is CO, and n is not 0 when p is 0 and Y is NR⁵CO, and

q is not 2 when p is 0, Y is NR⁵CO, and n is 1 or 2.

2. (Currently Amended) Phenol compounds represented by a general formula (II);



$$(OH)p \longrightarrow NR^5CO + \begin{pmatrix} R^1 \\ C \\ R^2 \end{pmatrix} m S(O)n \longrightarrow R^4$$
 (II)

wherein \mathbb{R}^4 , \mathbb{R}^3 , \mathbb{R}^4 , \mathbb{R}^5 , m, n, p and t are as defined above, with provise that p and t may be 0

wherein R¹ and R² represent hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl,





m represents an integer of 1 to 6,

n represents an integer of 0 to 2,

p and t represent an integer of 0 to 3, with proviso that p and t never be 0, concurrently,

R³ and R⁴ represent nitro, carboxyl, halogen, C1-C6 alkyl, C1-C6 alkoxy, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, sulfamoyl, phenylsulfamoyl, C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl, di(C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl), carbamoyl, phenylcarbamoyl, C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl or di(C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl), and

R⁵ represents hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl, optionally-substituted phenyl or optionally-substituted benzyl,

with proviso that n is not 0 when p is 0.

3. (Currently Amended) Phenol compounds represented by a general formula (III);

$$\begin{array}{c|c} OH & & \\ & & \\ R^3 & & \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} CO + \begin{pmatrix} R^1 \\ C \\ R^2 \end{pmatrix}_m S(O)n & & \\ & & \\ R^4 & & \\ \end{array}$$
 (III)

wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, m, n and t are as defined above, with provise that t may be 0 wherein R¹ and R² represent hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl,

m represents an integer of 1 to 6,

n represents an integer of 0 to 2,

t represents an integer of 1 to 3,

R³ and R⁴ represent nitro, carboxyl, halogen, C1-C6 alkyl, C1-C6 alkoxy, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, sulfamoyl, phenylsulfamoyl, C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl, di(C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl), carbamoyl, phenylcarbamoyl, C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl or di(C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl), and

R⁵ represents hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl, optionally-substituted phenyl or optionally-substituted benzyl.

4. (Currently Amended) A recording material containing a color forming dye characterized in that the recording material comprises at least one of the phenol compounds represented by a general formula (I)



$$(OH)p$$

$$Y + \left(\begin{matrix} R^1 \\ C \end{matrix} \right)_m S(O)n - \left(\begin{matrix} (OH)t \\ (R^4)u \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$(R^4)u$$

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wherein R¹ and R² represent hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl,

m represents an integer of 1 to 6,

n represents an integer of 0 to 2,

p and t represent an integer of 0 or 1 to 3, with proviso that p and t never be 0, concurrently,

R³ and R⁴ represent hydrogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, halogen, C1-C6 alkyl, C1-C6 alkoxy, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, sulfamoyl, phenylsulfamoyl, C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl, di(C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl), carbamoyl, phenylcarbamoyl, C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl or di(C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl),

q and u represent an integer of $\underline{0}$ $\underline{4}$ to 2, \underline{and}

 ${\rm R}^3$ and ${\rm R}^4$ may be different to each other when q and u are 2,

Y represents CO or NR⁵CO,

R⁵ represents hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl, optionally-substituted phenyl or optionally-substituted benzyl,

with proviso that p is 1 and \mathbb{R}^3 is not hydroxy when Y is CO, and n is and t are not 0 when p is 0 and Y is NR⁵CO.

5. (Currently Amended) A recording material containing a color forming dye characterized in that the recording material comprises at least one of the phenol compounds represented by a general formula (II);

$$(OH)p \longrightarrow NR^5CO + \begin{pmatrix} R^1 \\ C \\ R^2 \end{pmatrix} m S(O)n \longrightarrow R^4$$
 (II)

wherein R^4 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , m, n, p and t are as defined above, with proviso that p and t may be 0

wherein R¹ and R² represent hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl,

m represents an integer of 1 to 6,

n represents an integer of 0 to 2,

p and t represent an integer of 0 to 3, with proviso that p and t never be 0, concurrently,

R³ and R⁴ represent nitro, carboxyl, halogen, C1-C6 alkyl, C1-C6 alkoxy, C1-C6 alkoxy, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, sulfamoyl, phenylsulfamoyl, C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl, di(C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl), carbamoyl, phenylcarbamoyl, C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl or di(C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl), and



R⁵ represents hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl, optionally-substituted phenyl or optionally-substituted benzyl, with proviso that n is not 0 when p is 0.

6. (Currently Amended) A recording material containing a color forming dye characterized in that the recording material comprises at least one of the phenol compounds represented by a general formula (III);

wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, m, n and t are as defined above, with proviso that t may be 0 wherein R¹ and R² represent hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl,

m represents an integer of 1 to 6,

n represents an integer of 0 to 2,

t represents an integer of 1 to 3,

R³ and R⁴ represent nitro, carboxyl, halogen, C1-C6 alkyl, C1-C6 alkoxy, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, sulfamoyl, phenylsulfamoyl, C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl, di(C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl), carbamoyl, phenylcarbamoyl, C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl or di(C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl), and

R⁵ represents hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl, optionally-substituted phenyl or optionally-substituted benzyl.



